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10/822512

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Invention: **SPLIT SHROUD FOR DISPENSING COATING EQUIPMENT**

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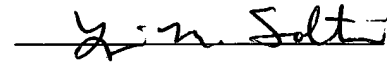
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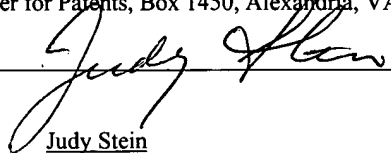
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